

January 18, 2000



Magalie Roman-Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St., SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Presentation in MM Docket 99-25

Dear Ms. Salas:

On January 13, 2000 I had a telephone conversation and exchanged e-mail with Mr. Rick Chessen of Commissioner Tristani's office to discuss low power radio on behalf of United Church of Christ, *et al.*

I reiterated UCC *et al.*'s position with respect to the license application process. I explained the practical limitation of small non-profits which are likely applicants for low power radio stations. For example, I explained that small organizations with limited resources cannot adjust to frequent changes and will need ample notice for application requirements and deadlines.

I also made the following suggestions to Mr. Chessen:

- extend the time period during which an entity will be eligible for only a single license to at least one year, if not longer;
- require the Mass Media Bureau open the first and second filing windows on specific dates, possibly June 30, 2000 and another date in the fourth quarter of 2000;
- require the Mass Media Bureau to open future windows within a minimum period of time, for example, require a filing period at least every 18 months;
- provide a copy of the application form as soon as possible, preferably concurrent with the release of the FCC order;
- ensure the FCC web site will be able to accommodate electronic filing, and provide a roadmap for potential applicants to avoid technical difficulties with electronic filing; and
- inform potential applicants whether they will need the services of broadcast engineer to complete an application during the early filing windows, if the software contemplated in the FCC's NPRM will not be completed by the first filing window.

Pursuant to section 1.1206(2) of the Commission's rules, I am filing a copy of this letter electronically with your office today.

Sincerely,

Cheryl A. Leanza
Deputy Director